

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[IL176-1b; FRL-6215-2]

**Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Illinois****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve the September 16, 1998, Illinois State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision request containing amendments to Volatile Organic Material (VOM) rules affecting Illinois' ozone attainment area (the area of the State not including the Chicago and Metro-East ozone nonattainment areas), as a requested revision to the ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's requests as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the State's request is set forth in the direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective without further notice unless the Agency receives relevant adverse written comment on this action. Should the Agency receive such comment, it will publish a final rule informing the public that the direct final rule will not take effect and such public comment received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. If no adverse written comments are received, the direct final rule will take effect on the date stated in that document and no further activity will be taken on this proposed rule. EPA does not plan to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark J. Palermo, Environmental

Protection Specialist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6082.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct final rule published in the final rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

**David A. Ullrich,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 63**

[AD-FRL-6220-8]

**National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Natural Gas Transmission and Storage**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of proposal; reopening of public comment period and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** On February 6, 1998 (63 FR 6288), the EPA proposed standards (the proposal or proposed standards) to limit emissions of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) from existing and new natural gas transmission and storage facilities under section 112 of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (Act). The public comment period on the proposed standards ended April 7, 1998. This action announces the availability of supplemental information, the reopening of the public comment period on the supplemental information, and the notice of public hearing.

During the public comment period, the EPA received comments that the data collected by the EPA to support development of the proposed rule did not adequately characterize the HAP emission sources and controls in the natural gas transmission and storage source category. The EPA agreed to solicit and consider additional data pertaining to the development of maximum available control technology (MACT) standards for the natural gas transmission and storage source category. The EPA plans to consider comments received on this action, along with comments received on the proposal, and take final action by May 15, 1999.

**DATES:** *Comments.* Comments must be received on or before February 16, 1999.

For information on submitting electronic comments see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. If a public hearing is held, comments referring to new information resulting from the public hearing must be received by March 1, 1999.

**Public Hearing.** If anyone contacts the EPA requesting to speak at a public hearing by January 22, 1999, a public hearing will be held on February 1, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Persons wishing to present oral testimony must contact the EPA by January 22, 1999. For information on requesting a public hearing see the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. For detailed information on the public hearing see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments.* Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (MC-6102), Attention: Docket No. A-94-04, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The docket is located at this address in Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor). The EPA requests that a separate copy of comments also be sent to Greg Nizich, Waste and Chemical Processes Group (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone: (919) 541-3078; fax: (919) 541-0246 or electronically at: nizich.greg@epa.gov. Comments and data may be submitted electronically by following the instructions listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted electronically.

**Public Hearing:** Persons interested in speaking at a hearing should notify Ms. JoLynn Collins, telephone (919) 541-5671, Waste and Chemical Processes Group (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact Ms. Collins to verify that a hearing will occur.

**Docket.** A docket, No. A-94-04, containing information considered by the EPA in the development of the proposed standards, public comments received on the proposal, and the information discussed in today's notice, is available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center. See the above address. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning today's action,